



Leader's Guide



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Background Information

- Disney's *Queen of Katwe* (in UK cinemas from 21st October) is the vibrant true story of Phiona, a young girl from the slum of Katwe in Kampala, Uganda whose world rapidly changes when she is introduced to the game of chess. As a result of the support she receives from her family and community, Phiona is instilled with the confidence and determination she needs to pursue her dream.
- Katwe is the largest of eight slums in Kampala, the capital of Uganda. It contains a community of people living in makeshift shacks, surrounded by waste from the city. Flies are everywhere and the stench is appalling. Frequent floods carry sewage into homes, and many residents sleep in hammocks suspended from the roof to avoid drowning.
- Women are often valued, by many men, for little more than sex and childcare. Some, like Phiona's mother Harriet, scrape a living by leaving home at 2am to walk to the city where they buy produce from farmers to sell in the market for a tiny profit they hope will pay the rent and feed their children.



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Discussion Questions

1. Why does empowering women make such a difference to the world?
2. What will it take to enable everyone to fulfil their potential?

A Few Key Facts

- Women perform 66% of the world's work but earn only 10% of the income.
- Women make up 64% of the world's illiterate.
- Less than 20% of the world's parliamentarians are female.

Source: christianaid.org.uk/whatwedo/in-focus/gender/

- Evidence shows that when women benefit they tend to prioritise household needs such as food security and children's access to education/health, above their own personal needs.
- Research has shown that increases in women's income correlates with improved outcomes for their families (e.g. leading to greater expenditure on family welfare, nutrition and girls' education) than similar increases in men's income.

Source: traidcraft.co.uk